

The heroic archetype according to Lord Raglan (1885-1964)
The Hero: A Study in Tradition, Myth and Dreams (1936)

1. Hero's mother is royal virgin and father a king
2. Reputed to be son of a god
3. Circumstances of birth unusual
4. Attempt by father or grandfather to kill him at birth
5. He is spirited away
6. Reared by foster parents elsewhere
7. On maturity, travels to his future kingdom
8. Journeys to Underworld
9. Triumphs over king/giant/dragon/beast
10. Marries a princess
11. Becomes king
12. Loses favour with gods or subjects
13. Dies mysteriously
14. His children do not succeed him
15. His body is not buried
16. He is honoured with one or more shrines